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1. TANGOV MAY 6 ANNOUNCED THE OPENING OF EMBASSIES IN
BURUNDI AND RWANDA. HUSSEIN MAKWAIA AND SALEH TAMBWE HAVE
BEEN NAMED RESPECTIVELY AS CHARGES D'AFFAIRES IN BUJUMBURA
AND KIGALI. FOLLOWING IS BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION ON MAKWAIA
AND TAMBWE HELD BY EMBASSY.

2. HUSSEITDM. MAKWAIA, BUJUMBURA. MAKWAIA, ABOUT 50,
INHERITED SOME YEARS AGO A CHIEFTAINSHIP IN THE USIHA KINGDOM
IN SHINYANGA, NORTHWESTERN TANZANIA. WHEN CHIEFTANCY WAS
ABOLISHED SHORTLY AFTER INDEPENDENCE IN 1962 MAKWAIA, IN PROTEST,
WENT INTO EXILE IN SOUTHERN TANZANIA. HE WAS LATER PERSUADED
TO WORK FOR THE GOVERNMENT IN REGIONAL ADMINISTRATION AND WAS
EVENTUALLY MADE COMMISSIONER OF THE SOUTHERN REGION OF RUVUMA.
HE THEREAFTER WORKED FOR A WHILE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S
OFFICE BEFORE BEING ASSIGNED AS COUNSELOR OF TANZANIA'S
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EMBASSY IN ROME. HE IS THOUGHT TO HAVE BEEN IN ROME FOR
ABOUT 10 YEARS.

3. SALEH B. TAMBWE, KIGALI. TAMBWE, AGE 35, STARTED OUT
IN POLITICS IN 1969 WITH ELECTION AS A TANGANYIKA AFRICAN NATIONAL
UNION BRANCH CHAIRMAN AT A TOBACCO FACTORY. IN 1970 HE WAS
ELECTED TO THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY FROM THE WEST CENTRAL REGION

OF TABORA. IN 1972 HE WAS NAMED DEPUTY MINISTER FOR COMMUNICATIONS, RESEARCH, AND SOCIAL SERVICES OF THE EAST AFRICAN COMMUNITY, WHICH POSITION HE HELD UNTIL ASSIGNMENT TO KIGALI. TAMBWE LOST HIS TABORA SEAT IN 1975 AND 1978 TRIED UNSUCCESSFULLY TO BE ELECTED TO A VACANT NATIONAL SEAT. THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY, WHICH VOTED ON FILLING THE VACANCY, REPORTEDLY FAVORED ANOTHER MAN OVER TAMBWE BECAUSE TAMBWE ALREADY HAD A GOOD JOB AND THE OTHER MAN, ALSO A FORMER NATIONAL ASSEMBLY MEMBER, DID NOT.

4. NEITHER MAKWAIA NOR TAMBWE ARE KNOWN TO THE EMBASSY. IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT TO IMAGINE TWO APPOINTEES WHO WOULD CONTRAST MORE SHARPLY. MAKWAIA, THE CIVIL SERVANT, HAS FIRM ROOTS IN THE PAST AS A TRADITIONAL LEADER. TAMBWE, 19 YEARS OLD AT INDEPENDENCE, A PARLIAMENTARIAN AT 27 AND A JUNIOR MINISTER AT 29, HAS HIS ROOTS VERY MUCH IN THE POLITICS OF POST-INDEPENDENCE TANZANIA.
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